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1. FEB 27 SOVEMBASSY CHARGE VORONTSOV CALLED ON EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND MADE ORAL PROTEST ABOUT RIVERDALE SHOOTING INCIDENT REPORTED REF A. VORONTSOV REPORTED THAT SOTS JUST MISSED ON-DUTY SOVIET WATCHMAN, AND NOTED THAT SHOOTING INCIDENT WAS THIRD IN RECENT YEARS INVOLVING SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK. HARTMAN EXPRESSED SHOCK AND REGRETS ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT.

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2. INTERESTINGLY, VORONTSOV DID NOT ACCUSE JDL OR ZIONIST

ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUGGESTED RESPONSIBILITY MIGHT LIE WITH SO CALLED "FREE POLAND, FREE SLOVAKIA, FREE COSSACKIA AND FREE CROATIA" MOVEMENTS WHICH (AS REPORTED REF B) HAD RECENTLY IDENTIFIED ALLEGED KGB OFFICERS AMONG SOVIET PERSONNEL IN NEW YORK. VORONTSOV PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH DEMANDED AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TAKE DECISIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT SOVIET PERSONNEL FROM PROVOCATIONS AND THREATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND INTERNAL LAW OF UNITED STATES.

3. HARTMAN OFFERED TO HAVE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATE LEGAL QUESTION OF WHETHER PAMPHLETS OF SO-CALLED NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS MENTIONED IN AIDE MEMOIRE POSED ILLEGAL THREATS TO SOVIET PERSONNEL.

4. COMMENT: WHILE VORONTSOV SUGGESTED POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN SHOOTING INCIDENT AND SO-CALLED NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE, HE GAVE NO INDICATIONS HE HAD ANY HARD INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SUGGESTION. AIDE-MEMOIRE WAS PROBABLY DRAFTED BEFORE SHOOTING INCIDENT. INGERSOLL

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